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Citation of Another Agency's Report

"That whenever it is appropriate and otherwise permissible in a positive intelligence information report of any USIB Agency to make reference to a specific positive intelligence information report of another USIB Agency, the latter report ordinarily should, be cited\* by precisely identifying data (if these data are readily available) rather than by vague allusion to 'a report from another agency' or similar language.

"If the original report bears any special restriction on non-foreign dissemination beyond that imposed by the security classification and the need-to-know principle, reference to it will not be permissible (except by specific waiver of the originator) unless the other-agency report in which it is referenced bears equivalent restriction on dissemination.\*\*

"The purpose of this resolution is to facilitate identification and retrieval of the referent report by or on behalf of cleared U.S. personnel who need to see the full text.

"Except by specific waiver of the originator, the security classification of the original report will be preserved in the other-agency report if any part of the content is revealed. If the original report was TOP SECRET, this fact will be included in the identifying data."

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\* This is a matter of judgment for which no hard and fast rule can be given. Generally speaking, precise identification need not be made if the reference is very slight or peripheral, or is to a line of reporting rather than to any specific report.

\*\* Any such "special restriction" on a headquarters dissemination will take the form of a dissemination control (LIMITED, NO DISSEM ABROAD, or BACKGROUND USE ONLY) which will appear on the face of the report. On a field dissemination it may take any form which clearly demonstrates intent, and may appear on the face of the report or be attached thereto. If the field recipient wishes to cite such a report in his own communication and has any doubt as to what would be considered "equivalent restriction" on dissemination he should query the originator.

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